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From: Director, FBI (139-1301)

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.
[redacted]
UFUC
OO: Las Vegas

Re WFO airtel and letterhead memorandum 4/20/61.

The information furnished by [redacted] relative to his activities on behalf of CIA in this matter was discussed with [redacted] CIA. (u)

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Airtel to SACs, LV, CG, LA, MM and WFO [redacted]
Re: Arthur James Balletti, et al.

[redacted]

[redacted]

From the above information obtained from CIA, it is difficult to determine any need for Mahou to require any coverage (including technical coverage) on Dan Rowan in connection with Giancana's reported efforts on behalf of CIA. It appears possible that Rowan was being covered by Mahou and his employees on behalf of Giancana relative to the reported conflict between Giancana and Rowan for the affections of Phyllis McGuire.

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Every effort must be expended in order to ascertain the involvement of Maheu, Balletti and Giancana in this violation of the WFUC statute. In conducting interviews in this matter, the information from [redacted] should be discreetly handled and his identity appropriately protected.

The Washington Field Office should reinterview Maheu and Fitzpatrick to further determine their roles in this matter.

In view of the information set forth above, the Chicago Office should penetratively interview Giancana to determine his connection with Maheu and if he requested the full coverage of Rowan including wire tapping of his phones.

The Miami Office should reinterview DuBois and Balletti for any knowledge of Giancana's part in this activity or for any further information which will resolve this matter.

Any investigation outstanding in Las Vegas should be completed and promptly reported.

This matter must be given top priority and sufficient personnel assigned to resolve this matter promptly in order to determine the involvement of Giancana, Balletti and Maheu. This case should be closely followed by the office of origin and reports submitted promptly to the Bureau and interested offices.

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NOTE:

Case involves wire tap placed on phone of Dan Rowan of comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of McGuire Sisters trio who is also reportedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana, under investigation by the Chicago Office as a top hoodlum. Maheu claims coverage of Rowan (although not de include telephone tap) put on in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element which has had interests there. Memo being prepared to Department advising of information received from Col. Edwards, CIA.

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